

REMARKS

The office action of April 17, 2007 has been carefully considered.

It is noted that claims 1, 2 and 6-8 are objected to for containing various informalities.

Claims 1-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) over the patent to David.

Finally, it is noted that claims 6-8 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

In view of the Examiner's objection to and rejections of the claims, applicant has amended claims 1, 2 and 6-8.

Applicant has amended the claims to address the informalities pointed out by the Examiner. With these changes it is respectfully

submitted that the objection to claims 1, 2 and 6-8 for containing informalities is overcome and should be withdrawn.

It is respectfully submitted that the claims now on file particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Applicant has amended the claims to address the instances of indefiniteness pointed out by the Examiner. Regarding the connection of the roller table and the U-shaped frame, since claim 1 is a method claim there is no need for these structural details. One skilled in the art would be readily able to determine how to connect/arrange these components as needed to function in the claimed manner.

In view of these considerations it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. 112 second paragraph is overcome and should be withdrawn.

It is respectfully submitted that the claims now on file differ essentially and in an unobvious, highly advantageous manner from the methods and constructions disclosed in the reference.

Turning now to the reference, it can be seen that the patent to David discloses slitting and creasing machines, particularly

those used in the corrugated board industry. The invention of David uses shears for longitudinally slitting a strip. This means that the shears are always operative as long as the strip passes through the machine. The shears are only moved out of the production line for changing the blade or cross cutting the strip.

In the presently claimed invention exactly the opposite takes place. In the present invention the shears are only introduced laterally into the line when the strip needs to be separated transversely. The present invention only cross-cuts and does not cut the strip longitudinally. Furthermore, after making a cut the shears move laterally back into a waiting position until another cut is needed. Such a movement of the shears into and out of the rolling line is not disclosed by David. Thus, David does not disclose the present invention.

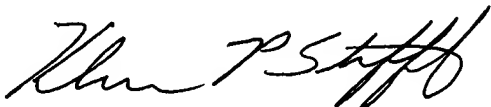
In view of these considerations it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of claims 1-5 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) over the above discussed reference is overcome and should be withdrawn.

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested.

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